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November 8, 2006

William Bown Bonneville Quarries, Inc. 842 West 400 North West Bountiful, Utah 84087

Subject: <u>Approval of Amended Plan, Bonneville Quarries, Inc., Grouse Creek</u>
Mountain Mine, M/003/031, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bown:

On October 2, 2006, The Division approved the replacement surety for the Grouse Creek Mountain Operations (M0030031) The amount of the replacement surety included the proposed disturbances for this amendment. As per the Division's April 21, 2006 letter, this amendment is now approved. A copy of the amendment which has been stamped approved is enclosed for your records.

The Division reminds you that prior to conducting mining operations on BLM lands, you will need to obtain the approval of the BLM.

Please contact Lynn Kunzler at (801) 538-5310 with questions regarding this action.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White

Mining Program Coordinator Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure: Copy of Approved Amendment

cc: Mike Ford, BLM

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Mr. Daron Hadock – Permit Supervisor State of Utah Dept. of Natural Resources Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining P.O. Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Feb. 6, 2006

Subject:

Revision of LMO Plan, Grouse Creek Mountain

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Last October I received a request from the Divisions' Mining Program Coordinator, Susan M. White to post the new bond amount as calculated by the Division. I am sorry that I did not accomplish this as requested. I knew that I was going to submit this Plan revision, and that it would likely affect the bond amount, so I didn't act. I have just now finished the text of the revision and submit it here for your review.

I deeply apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. The situation in the immediate Plan area of operation has changed. For many years my company was the only permitted operator of this nature (talus gathering) in the area. Recently, it has come to my attention that there will be another operator there as soon as they can be permitted. This operator has an area of private minerals as well as a leased area with USITLA. Their operation will be much the same as mine. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but I realize that I cannot be as relaxed in my methods, nor in my approach to this resource as I have been in the past. I must give myself every legal opportunity to compete and excel in the market that I helped to create.

Please review this Plan revision at your earliest convenience. In the past Lynn Kunzler has forwarded applicable information to the district BLM office to spare me the aggravation. Let me know if there is anything further that I can do to expedite the process. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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William L Bown - President

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GROUSE CREEK MOUNTAIN L.M.O. PLAN

REVISION

RE-OPEN SELECT ROAD PORTIONS

FEB. 6, 2006

NOTE: Please refer to the official Grouse Creek Mountain LMO Plan and site map(s) for road numbers, acreage amounts and other information pertinent to this revision.

Proposal: (Justification) With the realization that the Grouse Creek Mountain LMO Plan is scheduled for a 5 yr. review, which will likely effect bond amounts etc., the operator feels that it is now necessary and timely to re- open certain of the area mine roads which have either been reclaimed on an interim basis or which were slated for reclamation treatments under the approved Plan but to this date remain open.

It is preferable to propose the following revision now, so that these changes may be included in the figuring of the 5 year escalation and review, rather than to create more review and paper work a couple of years down the road.

Proposal: (Resolution) It is here proposed that the following road or road portions be re-opened; C-5 (all), C-1 (all), C-2 (from intersection with B-1 to intersection with B-4) B-4 (all), A-2 (all), A-5 (all), B-6 private (all), B-7 private (all), B-9 (all), A-7 (all), A-8 (all).

Construction; C-5, A pre-existing two-track which was reclaimed on an interim basis. No new construction is necessary to ready this road for use.

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- C-1, A pre-existing two-track which was reclaimed on an interim basis. The "blocking berms" at either end of this road will be removed. No other construction is necessary to ready this road for use.
- C-2, Portion as described in the *resolution*. Pre-existing two-track. No construction necessary for use.
- B-4, Pre-existing two-track which was scheduled for full reclamation, but remains intact. Some smoothing and filling of badly eroded ruts necessary to ready for use.
- A-2, Pre-existing two-track which was scheduled for interim stabilization, but remains intact. No construction necessary to ready for use.
- A-5, A pre-existing jeep trail which was scheduled for interim stabilization, but remains useable. No construction necessary to ready for use.
- B-6, A pre-existing two-track which traverses private property its' entire length. It was scheduled for full reclamation, but remains intact. No construction necessary to ready for use.
- B-7, A pre-existing two-track which traverses private property its' entire length. It was scheduled for full reclamation, but remains intact. No construction necessary to ready for use.
- B-9, A pre-existing two-track which was scheduled for full reclamation, but remains intact. No construction necessary to ready for use.
- A-7, A pre-existing two-track which was scheduled for interim stabilization, but remains intact. No construction necessary to ready for use.

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A-8, A pre-existing two-track which was scheduled for interim stabilization, but which remains intact. No construction

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Reclamation; Many road portions have attained full reclamation (see site map dated 4/16/03 as prepared by UDOGM). The remaining portions will be reclaimed as per the arrangements and requirements outlined in the approved Plan, including:

- B-3, This portion of the multiple use section was re-routed by USDI-BLM as part of an area water project. The portion scheduled for full reclamation treatments was improved and is now a very stable road. The portion which was included as part of the multiple use system can and should now receive the treatments which were intended for the portion which was improved. These include, ripping, seeding, and the installation of water bars as needed.
- A-9, This barely discernable, pre-existing trail, can be blocked and the first 100' ripped and seeded if it remains an adamant requirement.
- A-1, This portion will be blocked off at its' western end as required in the approved LMO Plan. The eastern three fourths of this road are at full reclamation.
- B-5, This pre-existing two-track is within a portion of the Golden Eagle # 5 placer mining claim which the operator has recently leased to another entity, and for which that entity is now in the process of preparing and submitting a Notice of Intent to commence mining operations. The regulatory and reclamation requirements for this road will be the responsibility of the lessee.

Conclusion; The operator submits this revision for the purposes and reasons earlier stated. In addition, these road openings as proposed are integral to the operators' being able to operate in a more full and complete manner upon the claims and leases that make up the Grouse Creek Mountain L.M.O. Plan.

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Bonneville Quarries, Inc. Grouse Creek Operations M/003/031

>> Sections 2, 3 and the NE/4 of 4, NE/4 -NE/4 Sec. 11, T12N, R17W Sec 34 and 35, T13N, R17W, SLBM DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING Change status to 'Active' (4.81 ac. - included in 'active' road acreage) SITLA Lands **BLM Lands** Inactive Mine Roads Camp / Work Areas RECEIVED Tallus Slopes Public Access (post mining) (16.6 ac.) Reclaimed Roads (8.26 ac.) Roads on SITLA (no recl.) Road to be blocked Active Mine Plan Roads Private Access (post mining) APR 2 0 2006 Creek Kimbell Creek Quad